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**U.S. ATTORNEY COMEY ANNOUNCES**  
**SERIES OF CIVIL DIVISION APPOINTMENTS**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced a series of appointments in his Office's Civil Division including JAMES L. COTT as Chief of the Division.

Mr. COTT was most recently Associate Director of Litigation for the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. Previously, Mr. COTT had spent 13 years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Civil Division, serving as Chief of the Office's Civil Rights Unit and subsequently as a Deputy Chief of the Civil Division. Mr. COTT had been a law clerk for the late United States District Judge VINCENT L. BRODERICK in the Southern District of New York. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Northeastern University School of Law.

Mr. COMEY stated: "James Cott will bring a distinguished record of achievement to his new post as Chief of the Civil Division. With his extensive background in public

service, James will be an outstanding leader in his new position to head a critically important section of this Office."

Mr. COMEY also announced a number of other appointments in the Civil Division. SARA SHUDOFISKY has been appointed Chief of Appeals, having previously served first as Chief of the Civil Rights Unit and then as a Deputy Chief of the Civil Division. Ms. SHUDOFISKY, who joined the Office in 1991, is a graduate of New York University School of Law.

JEFFREY S. OESTERICH, BETH E. GOLDMAN, and NEIL M. CORWIN have been appointed as the three Deputy Chiefs of the Civil Division. Mr. OESTERICH joined the Office in 1994 and was previously the Civil Division's Deputy Chief of Appeals. He is a graduate of Yale Law School. Ms. GOLDMAN also joined the Office in 1994. She was previously Chief of the Environmental Unit and is a graduate of Harvard Law School. Mr. CORWIN joined the Office in 1995. He was previously Chief of the Civil Rights Unit and is a graduate of New York University School of Law.

EDWARD J. SCARVALONE has been appointed Chief of the Environmental Unit. Mr. SCARVALONE is a graduate of Rutgers Law School and joined the Office in 1991. ANDREW W. SCHILLING has been appointed Chief of the Civil Rights Unit. Mr. SCHILLING is a graduate of Fordham Law School and joined the Office in 1997. MEREDITH L. KOTLER has been appointed Deputy Chief of the Appeals. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and joined the Office in 1998.

Mr. COMEY stated: "I couldn't be more pleased with my new lineup in the Civil Division, and I am confident that these appointments will carry on the great tradition of this office."

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